

## **Certified Rabies Vaccinator Training Update, 2015**

### ***Animal Rabies Vaccination:***

#### **Process to become a Certified Rabies Vaccinator (CRV) in North Carolina**

1. The individual (or the agency on behalf of the individual) requests a CRV appointment from the local health director (LHD). If the LHD agrees with the appointment, he or she sends an appointment letter or email request to:

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Veterinary Public Health / North Carolina Division of Public Health (DPH)  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
1902 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1900  
919-715-0326 (phone)  
919-733-9555 (fax)

2. Veterinary Public Health (VPH) will send a response letter or email to the LHD acknowledging receipt of the appointment request along with two forms, the *Certified Rabies Vaccinator Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* and the *Certified Rabies Vaccinator Candidate Vaccine Administration Training Checklist (VAT)*. These forms should be forwarded to the candidate or candidate's agency contact by the LHD or his/her designee for completion.
3. VPH will forward the names of the candidate(s) to Wake AHEC. Wake AHEC will contact the LHD or the LHD designee to make arrangements for CRV course registration and payment. The course name is *Webinar Series (Recorded) Certified Rabies Vaccination Trainer Program*. The candidate or his/her agency is responsible for registration and payment. The CRV training webinar provides the required educational training, per NCGS 130A-186. After completion of the required four modules and achieving a passing score of at least 70% on the post-test, the candidate will be awarded 4.0 contact hours and provided a certificate from Wake AHEC. The training fee for 2014 and 2015 is \$20 per registration.
4. There are four modules in the CRV Webinar course:

Introduction to NC CRV Training  
Rabies Epidemiology, Prevention and Control  
NC Rabies Control Laws and Policy  
Principles of Rabies Vaccine Administration for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets

Questions about the course should be directed to L. Houston at [LHouston@wakeahec.org](mailto:LHouston@wakeahec.org) or 919-350-0471. We recommend that the webinar be completed first before the hands-on Vaccination Administration Training with a N.C. licensed Veterinarian.

5. The candidate may complete the *Certified Rabies Vaccinator Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* after receipt and return it to VPH by fax 919-733-9555 or email [Thomas.s.Rhyne@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Thomas.s.Rhyne@dhhs.nc.gov).
6. The LHD, his/her designee or the candidate's agency is responsible for identifying a North Carolina licensed Veterinarian to provide hands-on Vaccination Administration Training (VAT), at the local level, for the candidate(s).

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7. After the candidate successfully completes the VAT training with the N.C. licensed Veterinarian, the Veterinarian will sign the *Vaccine Administration Training Checklist (VAT)* form. The candidate or their agency representative will then forward the completed VAT form to the LHD or LHD designee to obtain the signature of the LHD. After the VAT form is completed and signed by both the N.C. licensed Veterinarian and the LHD, Fax or scan the completed VAT form to VPH: fax 919-733-9555 or email to [Thomas.s.Rhyne@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Thomas.s.Rhyne@dhhs.nc.gov).
8. When the candidate has successfully completed the CRV training webinar and the VAT proficiency training and is awarded the Certified Rabies Vaccinator status, the LHD will receive a certification letter from the State Public Health Veterinarian, as well as a certificate and registry number (year-#) from VPH.
9. If a CRV that was in good standing in the previous county, moves to a new county, the LHD in the new county may request that the CRV appointment be transferred to his/her county. The LHD of the new county will send a request to VPH (by email) for transfer appointment. A new CRV certificate will not be generated for a county change. A CRV may also be approved to perform in multiple counties if the LHD(s) of those counties so desire. Contact VPH for further information.
10. The LHD is reminded that rabies vaccinations administered by a CRV are only valid for one year from the date of vaccination (10A NCAC 41G .0101). Pursuant to NCGS 130A-186, the CRV shall work only in the county(ies) of appointment. A CRV works at the discretion of a LHD and may be removed from the county of appointment for any reason by the LHD of that county.